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SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

CENTRAL CHINA MISSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

*For the year ending Sep. 30th, 1893.*

THE Central China Mission is located in the provinces of Kiangsu and Chehkiang. The area of these two provinces is 83,650 square miles ; as large as that of the States of Ohio and Indiana, with a piece of Illinois ; as large as the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island added on. The population is over 64,000,000 ; nearly, if not quite, as great as that of the whole United States. Our work is carried on from five stations,—Ningpo, Shanghai, Hangchow, Soochow and Nanking,—and 31 out-stations. We have 45 different places in which the Gospel is regularly preached to the edification of the church in the encouragement of its members and the ingathering of converts. From these places we know that the Gospel has been carried to other places. It is impossible to make any satisfactory estimate of the many thousands who have heard the Gospel in our churches and chapels ; and though the seed has almost literally fallen by the wayside it has not always been fruitless ; for it is no uncommon experience to meet in distant places faithful believers who have first heard the Gospel in a street chapel.

The Station Reports are encouraging as to past successes and future prospects, but we need more laborers if we are to gather the harvest that seems near at hand. Two new out-stations have been opened, and others would have been if we had had the necessary force.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Our foreign force is less than it was a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Partch, of Ningpo, were obliged to return to the United States, on account of their health, in December, 1892. Owing to the state of his health Mr. McKee was not able to do much work, and he was finally obliged to leave for the United States in July, 1893, taking his family with him. This left Ningpo with only two single ladies, one of whom had been less than two, and the other less than three years on the field. We have in consequence had to begin our new (mission) year by transferring Mr. and Mrs. Garritt to Ningpo from

Hangchow,—to the detriment of the work at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Mattox arrived at Hangchow just before the close of the mission year. We need 20 more missionaries if we are to hold what we have, and enter the doors that are already open.

#### NATIVE WORKERS.

There has been a net increase of 22 in our force of native workers. We have lost three by death—a licentiate at Ningpo, a pupil teacher at Shanghai and a Bible-woman at Hangchow—and a few by removals.

Our force of native workers during the year has numbered 127, of whom 43 are women. This includes not only those supported by the mission, but several who are supported in whole or in part by native churches and by individuals; besides which there are a number of unpaid workers in Sunday Schools and other departments.

#### CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There are 17 organized churches in connection with the mission, one of which, the church at Nanking, was organized during the year. The whole number of communicants reported was 1201, a net increase of 58 over deaths and removals since last year. There has also been an increase in the number added during the year over the number added last year.

The contributions to church and benevolent work were \$1770 (Mexican); an increase of \$165 over last year's contributions. There are 22 Sunday Schools in connection with the various churches and at the out-stations, in which 1,340 pupils have been gathered to study the Word of God and sing the songs of Zion. Most of the pupils are from the boarding and day-schools; but some classes are made up of pupils who attend only on Sundays; besides which a good many passers by are attracted by the singing and come in to see and hear.

#### OUT-STATIONS AND ITINERATIONS.

The work at most of the out-stations has been encouraging, and would be more so if we had sufficient force to develop what has been begun and to enter into new and inviting fields. This work has suffered because in most of our stations we have been trying to "make bricks without straw." If we are to have successful country work in Central China we must have the men to do it; not only to go themselves, but to train our native Christians by example as well as by precept in aggressive country work.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

Work for women is being carried on more vigorously than ever at every station and at some of the out-stations, by unpaid workers as

well as by those employed by the mission. Among our native Bible-women we find many who we feel sure are devoted to their calling, who are apparently free from all mercenary motives and are actuated by love to God and man in their work of carrying the Gospel to the homes of their heathen sisters.

#### DAY-SCHOOLS.

There are 43 day-schools in connection with the mission. The number of pupils reported is 832. These pupils have received daily instruction in the Scriptures or religious books. They have also had the Chinese classics usually taught in Chinese schools, and in some schools the pupils are taught arithmetic, geography and elementary science. These schools are centres of Gospel light, and we believe that He who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," will bless our efforts to lead these little ones to him.

#### BOARDING-SCHOOLS.

There are eight boarding-schools—five for boys and three for girls—at the various stations of the mission. The number of scholars has been 175 boys and 107 girls; an increase of 41 boys and 15 girls over the number reported last year. One of the boys' schools, the Ningpo Presbyterial Academy, is partly supported by the native churches. 31 pupils have been received into full communion from the different boarding-schools during the year, and the graduates are in demand as teachers and helpers.

#### TRAINING AND THEOLOGICAL CLASSES.

There are three classes for Christian women—two at Shanghai and one at Nanking—and a meeting for prayer and consultation with the Bible-women of Ningpo is held every month.

Owing to the return of Mr. Partch and the sickness of Mr. McKee the plan of opening a class for the joint instruction of the theological students under care of Ningpo and Shanghai Presbyteries could not be carried out; but the students of Shanghai Presbytery were taught under the direction of the Educational Committee of that Presbytery.

#### CONCLUSION.

The statistical table gives a summary of some of the tangible results of our labors; but we feel that our greatest work has been that whose immeasurable results are known to God alone, and that these statistics are only valuable as proof that "our labor has not been in vain in the Lord." Pray for us that the Lord will thrust forth laborers into this part of His vineyard, and that we may have an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon ourselves, our fellow-workers and our whole field, such as that there shall not be room enough to hold it.

## Statistics of Central China Mission.

Year ending September 30, 1893.	Ningpo	Shang-hai.	Hang-chow.	Soo-chow.	Nan-king.	Totals.
<b>STATION BEGUN</b>						
<b>FOREIGN MISSIONARIES :—</b>						
Ordained Missionaries ... ..		4	3	4	3	14
Laymen ... ..		1				1
Married Ladies ... ..		5	3	2	3	13
Single Ladies ... ..	2	2			2	6
Total Foreign Workers ... ..	2	12	6		6	34
<b>NATIVE WORKERS :—</b>						
Ordained Ministers ... ..	9	4	2			15
Licentiates .. ..	6	2	3	2		13
Local Evangelists ... ..	6	2		3	5	16
Bible Women ... ..	6	5	2	2	2	17
Male Teachers ... ..	7	15	7	4	7	40
Female Teachers .. ..	9	11		4	2	26
Total Native Workers ... ..	43	39	14	15	16	127
<b>CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, ETC. :—</b>						
No. of Churches ... ..	10	3	2	1	1	17
Communicants, Male ... ..	306	114	86	19	36	561
"    Female ... ..	454	104	38	16	28	640
Total No. of Communicants ... ..	760	218	124	35	64	1201
Added on Examination ... ..	52	20	6	3	27	108
"    "    Certificate ... ..	7	9	3	3	1	23
Restored ... ..		5				5
Dismissed by Letter ... ..	6	18	3		1	28
Suspended or expelled ... ..	1	4	3		4	12
Deceased ... ..	21	8	6	1		36
Gain over last year ... ..	30	4	—4	5	23	58
Baptisms, Adult ... ..	33	20	2	2	27	84
"    Infant ... ..	17	9	6	2	8	42
Contri. from all sources in M. Dollars	\$671	\$770	\$259	\$51	\$19	1770
Preaching Places, inclu. Churches ...	21	9	3	6	6	45
No. of Sunday Schools ... ..	10	7	2	2	1	22
Teachers in Sunday Schools ... ..	34	42	11	7	13	107
Pupils " " " ... ..	570	470	110	80	110	1340
Total Sunday School Membership ...	604	512	121	87	123	1447
<b>EDUCATIONAL :—</b>						
Candidates for the Ministry ... ..	4	4	1			9
In Women's Training Classes ... ..		29			5	34
Pupils in Boys' Boarding Schools ...	27	45	50	30	23	175
Communicants in " " ... ..	9	15	19		10	53
Admitted to Ch. during the year ...	2	6	4		6	18
Pupils in Girls' Boarding Schools ...	49	32			26	107
Communicants in " " ... ..	12	17			8	37
Admitted to Ch. during the year ...	5	5			3	13
No. of Day Schools for Boys ... ..	5	2	4	5	4	20
"    "    "    "    for Girls ... ..	7			1	1	9
"    "    "    "    admit. both sexes		14				14
Boys in Day Schools ... ..	84	366	47	74	35	606
Girls " " ... ..	106	107		6	7	226
Total Enroll. in B'ding & Day Schools	266	550	97	110	91	1114